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SUBJECT: SPAIN: QUAI D'ORSAY VIEW OF POST-FRANCO

TRANSITION

IN REVIEW OF SITUATION IN SPAIN, QUAI D'ORSAY EUROPEAN DIRECTOR JACQUES ANDREANI EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AFTER FRANCO'S DEATH. HE SAID KEY QUESTION, HOWEVER, IS WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE TRANSFER OF POWER. IN QUAI D'ORSAY VIEW, JUAN CARLOS MUST, WITHIN FIRST TWO WEEKS OF ASSUMING POWER, ANNOUNCE SWEEPING PROGRAM OF DEMOCRATIC REFORMS. IF HE FAILS, OR IS PREVENTED FROM DOING THIS, THERE WILL BE RAPIDLY ESCALATING CYCLE OF VIOLENCE WHICH WILL RESULT IN EITHER ANARCHIC SITUATION A LA PORTUGAL, OR IMPOSITION OF REPRESSIVE MILITARY

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DICTATORSHIP. IN ANY EVENT, ANDREANI CONCLUDED, THERE

IS NO QUESTION OF SPAIN'S POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINING WHERE IT IS TODAY. IT HAS TO CHANGE, AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT JUAN CARLOS AND THE MODERATE FORCES DIRECT THIS PENT UP ENERGY FOR CHANGE IN THE DIRECTION OF DEMOCRATIC REFORM. IF THE RIGHT TRENDS DEVELOP, ANDREANI SAID, THE EC-9 WILL BE READY TO EMBRACE SPAIN VERY EARLY AND WITH MUCH AFFECTION.

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